(a) to (c) There is no scarcity and no pending application of pre-paid mobile connections of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing mobile connections wherever its coverage exists. However, due to non-availability of network capacity, in some of the areas where BSNL has been licensed to operate mobile service, BSNL maintains waiting list for mobile connections. The State-wise details of the same as on 31.07.2006 are given below:

state	Pre-Paid (Waiting list)
Chhattisgarh	1,00,404
Madhya Pradesh	65,531
Maharashtra	76,833
Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland	7,356
(North East-ll Telecom Circle)	

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Waiting lists of telephones in Rajasthan

2895. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the waiting lists of telephone connections in Rajasthan as on date;

(b) how old these waiting lists are;

(c) the time-frame within which these waiting lists would be cleared; and

(d) the details of plan for extension of telephone network in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The current status of waiting list for telephone connections in Rajasthan Telecom Circle is 93,215 as on 31.07.2006. Most of these cases for new telephone connections are from far flung remote and scattered rural areas where provision of new connections are technically non-feasible on landline and existing network of WLL. Due to these constraints,-«ome cases of waiting list are pending for more than ten years also.

(c) These wait listed applicants are being provided telephone connections

progressively by deploying BTSs of WLL CDMA technology at new locations BSNL has planned to provide telephone on demand by March, 2008 in Rajasthan.

(d) The details of plan for extension of telephone network in Rajasthan Telecom Circle for 2006-07 is given below:

Si. No		Parameter
1.	Basic Connections	81 WLL BTS of 60,750 WLL lines capacity are
2.	Cellular Mobile Connections (Nos.)	under installation.
3.	VPT (Nos.)	6.0 lakh
4.	Broadband (Nos.)	3700
5.	Internet (Nos.)	18500
6.	TAX (Kilo Circuits)	34200
7.	OFC (RKMS)	94.00
		1770.00

STD/ISD/PCO booths in Rajasthan

2896. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths set up in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of such booths proposed to be set up in the State during the year 2006-07; and

(c) the details of funds allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, 35,959 STD/ISD/PCO booths are provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Rajasthan during the last three years.

(b) PCOs are allotted liberally by BSNL to all the applicants who are of the age of 18 years and above, subject to technical feasibility. PCOs are on demand in most of the areas. The number of booths to be installed during the current year depends on the availability of applicants.